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Filed: December 12, 2003 )  
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For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
OPTICAL TOP-HAT PULSE GENERATOR" ) Date: January 26, 2004

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Sir:

In accordance with the Applicant's duty to disclose information which may be material to the examination of this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner consider on the merits the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) before issuing the first Office Action on the merits. Copies of the foreign patent documents and the non-patent publications listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience. Copies of the U.S. patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) are not enclosed, pursuant to Deputy Commissioner Stephen G. Kunin's Pre OG Notice dated July 11, 2003.

It should be noted that the above-identified application may be related by subject matter to the following U.S. Application(s): 10/341,689, filed January 13, 2003. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) and M.P.E.P. 2004, paragraph 9, the applicant brings these co-pending applications to the attention of the Examiner. The Examiner should consider this information during the prosecution of the above-identified application. However, citation of these applications does not constitute an admission that the claims of the present application are substantially similar or similar to those of the applications listed above.

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The documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (modified) include those cited in the International Search Report for a related International Patent Application No. PCT/US03/15683. A copy of the Search Report (4 pages) is enclosed herewith.

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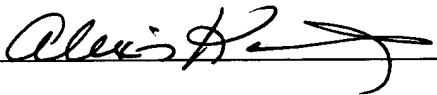
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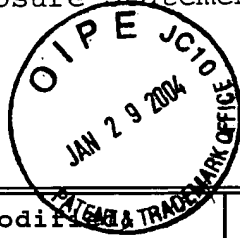


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